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An even casual study of the Findings of Fact after the finish of the trial indicates that a differentiation must be made between a computer operating system and applications which run on that system. The crux of Microsoft's anti-competitive actions lies in the intermingling of applications and the operating system. In lieu of breaking up Microsoft, the company must be restricted to selling the operating system separately from its applications. This, with the provisions of the settlement opening the API's to developers, would generate competition and greatly benefit the consumer. Other operating systems would now also be able to complete, affording still more choices to the consumer.

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